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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 and 25-28 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 and 25-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Specification

The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed, short and concise. The title should mention that the mixture contains an isocyanate compound and a photoinitiator and is useful in a two component coating composition.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-19, 25-26 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hovestadt et al (6,335,381). Hovestadt et al disclose both the isocyanate-functional mixture with a photoinitiator set forth in instant claim 1 and the two component system comprising the claim 1 mixture and a isocyanate-reactive component set forth in instant claim 14. See Example 3. The urethane acrylate contains free isocyanate groups. Component II comprises a polyacrylate having hydroxyl groups and no photoinitiator. Hovestadt et al teach that component I can also contain a further polyisocyanate. With respect to claims 12, 16 and 17, although the examples include a diacrylate, Hovestadt et al do not teach that components other than the isocyanate compound are required in component I (see column 2, lines 26-39). With respect to claim 25, dual cure and

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coating of automotive parts are taught in column 5, lines 27-45. With respect to claim 26, the coatings would be expected to be clearcoat coatings because no pigments or fillers are added to the coating compositions.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-19 and 25-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hovestadt et al (6,335,381) as applied to claims 1-19, 25-26 and 28 above, and further in view of Baumgart et al (7,064,165). Hovestadt et al do not mention effect paints or multicoats. Baumgart et al disclose coating materials for multicoat systems comprising components analogous to those instantly claimed. Addition of photoinitiators is taught. The difference is that the photoinitiator is not added to the isocyanate crosslinking component B, as set forth in the instant claims. The compositions are said to be “outstandingly suitable” for multicoat clearcoats (column 19, lines 46-54). It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to provide multicoat clearcoats obtained from the coating compositions disclosed by Hovestadt et al, as taught by Baumgart et al. The reason is that Baumgart et al teach that analogous compositions provide “outstandingly suitable” multicoat clearcoats. One skilled in the art at the time of the invention would have been motivated by a reasonable expectation of providing a multicoat clearcoat from the analogous coating materials taught by Hovestadt et al.

Conclusion

The following references are cited as art of interest.

Lettmann et al (6,946,515) disclose dual curing coating materials comprising a hydroxyl-containing binder (A), a polyisocyanate crosslinking component (B) and a hydrophobic polyester having at least two hydroxyl groups.

Nienhaus et al (6,903,145) disclose a dual curable multicomponent system comprising a polyisocyanate as component (B).

Kyle (5,234,970) discloses a dual curing composition consisting essentially of a isocyanate adduct having free isocyanate groups and polymerizable ethylenically unsaturated groups, reactive (meth)acrylate diluents and a photoinitiator.

Allard et al (6,949,591) disclose a dual curable coating material, as set forth in claims 1-13, comprising a constituent curable by actinic radiation and also by thermal means (a1), a constituent having at least two groups curable by actinic radiation and a thermal crosslinking functional group, a photoinitiator and a reactive diluent.

The instantly claimed invention is also taught in the additional foreign references and US equivalents cited in the International Search Report made of record by applicant.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to /Susan W. Berman/ whose telephone number is 571 272 1067. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:30-6:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Seidleck can be reached on 571 272 1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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